

Remarks

Claims 1-29 are pending in this application. In the final Action, claims 1-8 and 10-17 were objected to, and claim 9 was rejected. Claims 18-29 have been withdrawn from consideration.

Regarding the objections, claim 1 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner to recite "the buffer assembly guiding the wave front from the pulse generator toward the fluid." Regarding the rejection of claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, claim 9 has been amended to depend from claim 8. Claim 8 provides proper antecedent basis for "the high temperature glass fusing of the sleeve and core" as recited in claim 9. These amendments are believed to put claims 1-17 in condition for allowance.

Regarding withdrawn claims 18-29, claims 18, 26, and 28 have each been amended to recite "the buffer assembly guiding the wave front from the pulse generator toward the fluid." The remaining withdrawn claims are dependent claims. Claims 18-29, upon entry of the amendments, require all of the limitations recited by claim 1. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider and allow claims 18-29 in this application. If the Examiner has any remaining concerns regarding claims 18-29, a telephone call to the undersigned is respectfully requested such that this application may promptly proceed to allowance without requiring the cancellation of any claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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